

Hopewell Worship Guide for 4/18/21

Call to Worship

“Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”
Revelation 1:4–6

Invocation: Father, Almighty and Eternal God, whose glory is revealed in the person of your Son, our Savior and Lord. In the name of your Son we would worship and serve you this day. Claiming the sacrifice of your Son we would stand before you as redeemed people, justified and sanctified by faith in your Son. Rejoicing in the resurrection of your Son we would enter into a new and holy life, walking in the ways of your Son all our days, and delighting in the Day of his coming. All glory be to you O Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever. Amen

Old Testament Psalm 118:1-9

118 Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! ² Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.” ³ Let the house of Aaron say, “His steadfast love endures forever.” ⁴ Let those who fear the Lord say, “His steadfast love endures forever.” ⁵ Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free. ⁶ The Lord is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me? ⁷ The Lord is on my side as my helper; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me. ⁸ It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man. ⁹ It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.

These prayer components are pulled from Matthew Henry’s Method of Prayer, a method of prayer that helps us pray the Bible. <http://www.matthewhenry.org>

Adoration: *We do not present our plea before you because of our righteousness, Daniel 9:18 for we are before you in our guilt, Ezra 9:15 and cannot stand before you because of it; Psalm 130:3 but we make mention of Christ’s righteousness, even of his only, who is the LORD our righteousness. Jeremiah 23:6 We know that even spiritual sacrifices are acceptable to God only through Christ Jesus, 1 Peter 2:5 nor can we hope to receive anything but what we ask of you in his name; John 16:23 and therefore, bless us in the Beloved, Ephesians 1:6 that other angel who put much incense to the prayers of the saints and offers them up on the golden altar before the throne. Revelation 8:3*

We come in the name of the great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, who is able to sympathize with our weaknesses, Hebrews 4:14-15 and is therefore able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. Hebrews 7:25 Behold, O God, our shield, and look on the face of your Anointed, Psalm 84:9 in whom you have by a voice from heaven declared yourself to be well pleased; Lord, be well pleased with us in him. Matthew 3:17

Confession: *Lord, we repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand, Matthew 3:2 to which you have exalted your Son, Christ Jesus, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins. Acts 5:31 Our iniquities have gone over our heads; like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for us; Psalm 38:4 but weary and heavy laden under this burden, we come to Christ, who has promised that in him we shall find rest for our souls. Matthew 11:28 O knowing the affliction of our own hearts, 1 Kings 8:38 may we look on him whom we have pierced, and may we mourn and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn. Zechariah 12:10 That we may grieve after a godly sort, with that grief which produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret; 2 Corinthians 7:10 and that we may remember and be confounded, and never open our mouths again because of our shame, when you have atoned for us for all that we have done. Ezekiel 16:63 And, O that we may bear fruit in keeping with repentance! Matthew 3:8 and may never again turn back to folly; Psalm 85:8 for what have we to do anymore with idols? Hosea 14:8 For sin will have no dominion over us, since we are not under law but under grace. Romans 6:14 We have gone astray like lost sheep; seek your servants, for we do not forget your commandments. Psalm 119:176*

Petition: *Lord, you have told us that godliness holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come; 1 Timothy 4:8 and that if we seek first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, other things will be added to us; Matthew 6:33 and therefore, we cast all our anxieties about these things on you, who cares for us; 1 Peter 5:7 for our heavenly Father knows that we need them all. Matthew 6:32 You, Lord, are our refuge and our fortress, Psalm 91:2 and under your wings will we find refuge; your faithfulness is a shield and buckler; let us therefore not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day. Psalm 91:4-5 Having made the Lord our refuge and the Most High our dwelling place, let no evil befall us nor any plague come near our tent. Psalm 91:9-10 Let the LORD be our keeper, even he who keeps Israel and neither slumbers nor sleeps. Let the Lord be our shade on our right hand, that the sun may not strike us by day, nor the moon*

by night. Let the Lord keep us from all evil; the Lord keep our life; the Lord keep our going out and our coming in, from this time forth and forevermore. Psalm 121:4-8 Lord, put a hedge around us and our houses and all that we have on every side; Job 1:10 and take sickness away from us. Exodus 23:25

Thanks: *We bless you for the redemption we have through Christ's blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of your grace, which you have lavished upon us. Ephesians 1:7-8 That you have forgiven all our iniquities and healed all our diseases; Psalm 103:3 and in love you have delivered our lives from the pit of destruction, for you have cast all our sins behind your back. Isaiah 38:17*

Intercession: *Lord, give to those who are young to remember their Creator in the days of their youth; Ecclesiastes 12:1 that thereby they may be kept from the vanity which childhood and youth are subject to, and may be restrained from walking in the way of their heart and in the sight of their eyes, by considering that for all these things God will bring them into judgment. Ecclesiastes 11:9 Lord, make young people self-controlled; Titus 2:6 and let the word of God abide in them, that they may be strong and may overcome the evil one. 1 John 2:14 Keep those who are setting out in the world from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire; 2 Peter 1:4 and give to those who have been well-educated, to hold fast the pattern of sound words, 2 Timothy 1:13 and to continue in what they have learned. 2 Timothy 3:14*

There are some who are old disciples of Jesus Christ; Acts 21:16(KJV) Lord, give them still to bear fruit in old age, to declare that the LORD is upright, that he is their Rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him. Psalm 92:14-15 You have said, "Even to your old age I am he, and to gray hairs I will carry you." You have made them, Lord; we beg you, bear, yes, do carry and save them. Isaiah 46:4 Those whom you have taught from their youth up and to whom you still proclaim your wondrous deeds, now, also, when they are old and gray headed, Psalm 71:17-18 forsake them not; cast them not off in the time of old age; forsake them not when their strength is spent. Psalm 71:9 Let every gray head be a crown of glory to those who have it, being gained in a righteous life, Proverbs 16:31 and give them to know whom they have believed. 2 Timothy 1:12

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Lord's Prayer: Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

Assurance of Pardon: *Psalm 116:1-2*

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

New Testament Reading: *Luke 24:36-49*

³⁶ As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" ³⁷ But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸ And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?" ³⁹ See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate before them.

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for³ the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

Benediction: May the only One Who grants pardon for sin and a peace that endures, and Whose own presence guides and cheers, Strengthen and protect you from the evil one. 2 Thess 3:3